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CLERK: 14 ayes, 19 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the Scofield-Vickers-Warner amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails and we are back to the Scofield amendment. And, Senator Warner, do you wish to speak? Senator Warner, we are back to the Scofield amendment. Do you wish to speak on this? Your light was on. Senator Rod Johnson. Is there further discussion on the Scofield amendment? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would just recommend that you not vote for the Scofield amendment. In light of the fact that you are passing the bill, if the effective date is January 1, there is absolutely no purpose of this discussion because there is absolutely no incentive for the state colleges to seriously enter into the discussion. So I would just recommend that you don't vote for it.

PRESIDENT: Any closing, Senator Scofield? Well, let's see, we have Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I would urge you to support this amendment. The purpose of this amendment very simply is to get those individuals that I referred to earlier who seem to have their feet in concrete on each side of the issue to sit down and discuss how best to serve the people of this state. Now with the amendment it is not a foregone conclusion, as Senator Beutler is indicating, that the state colleges are, in fact, going to have the MBA program. The results of the study are to be brought back to the two committees, the Education and Appropriations Committee, and I suggest to you that the state colleges and the University are going to listen to what the results of that study say and what those two committees indicate. If it seems more feasible and if it seems that they can provide it and will provide it, then I...it would seem to me, at least, that it would be feasible to assume that the committees are going to indicate to the institutions which direction they should go. I think we